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Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

CHAPTER 300 - Resources

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306.01.03 PARENT TO CHILD DEEMING

In determining eligibility for a child under age 18 (or under 21, if a student), who lives with his parent(s), the resources of the child include the value of the countable resources of the parent(s) or parent/stepparent to the extent that the resources of the parent(s) or parent/stepparent exceed the resource limit of:

- An individual, if one parent lives in the household; or
- A couple, if two parents live in the household.

Considerations When Deeming from Parent(s) to Child

When deeming from parent(s) to child, the following should be considered:

- Do not include the resources of the stepparent in the deeming process.
- The value of parental resources is subject to deeming whether or not those resources are available to the child.
- If there is more than one eligible child under 18 or (under 21, if a student) in the household, equally divide the value of the deemed resources among those children.
 - If an eligible child is later determined ineligible for any reason or is no longer subject to deeming (e.g., after attainment of age 18). Divide the value of the deemed resources among the remaining eligible children effective with the first month the child is ineligible or no longer subject to deeming.
- A child's total countable resources are the combination of the value of the deemed resources and the non-excluded resources of the child.

Resource Determination for a Child

A child's countable resources are compared with the resource limit for an individual with no spouse. If the resources do not exceed the limit, the child meets the resource eligibility requirement. If countable resources exceed the limit, the child is ineligible because of the excess resources.